

2014: Last Year's Poll Results Analysis

The summary below presents the results of the four polls posted in the “The Journal of SpaceOperations & Communicator” during 2014.

The author found it interesting to combine the results into this summary expressing the admittedly “non-representative” results of the SpaceOps community and representing the voice of informed readers wishing to state their opinions.

The following polls were posted duly in the four quarterly issues of "The Journal" in 2014.

Poll-23 (Jan. 2013): World Population

The world population increased from 2.5 billion in 1950 to 7 billion in 2014. Every 4.5 days the population will grow by a million people. Do you think that international (human) spaceflight cooperation could be a major contributor to solve the resource problems in the long run?

Yes / No?,

50% voted for Yes.

Poll-24 (April 2013): Manned Space Travel (Mars One)

"The right stuff will soon be lost in time, like tears in the rain" - wrote Harry Corlett, a 15 year old student in the March 3, 2014 SpaceNews issue. Do you think the planned manned, no-return flight to Mars in 2024 (see Mars One <http://www.mars-one.com/mission/roadmap>) will wipe away the tears?

Yes / No?

100% voted for No.

Poll-25 (July 2013): SOFIA

The 2014 Authorization Act would bar NASA from using any of its 2014 budget to pay the cost of cancelling the US/German Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), that NASA proposed to ground as part of its 2015 budget request before the actual mission of SOFIA could be completed. Would Hillary Clinton save SOFIA's mission?

Yes / No?

100% voted for Yes

Poll-26 (Oct 2013): ISS Scientific Results

Which of the International Space Station (ISS) main partners do a better job in publishing the scientific results of their ISS experiments?

RSA / NASA / ESA / None?

100% voted for “NASA”

In conclusion the voters think space flight might be one solution for the world's growing overpopulation, however the “Mars One” mission (one-way flight only) is not considered viable. Hillary Clinton is in high esteem with respect to her space engagement: she is expected to entangle the difficult SOFIA situation and NASA is lauded for spreading and explaining the scientific results of ISS world class laboratory to the public.

Again, many thanks to all the readers of “The Journal of Space Operations & Communicator” and their comments. It was fun to compile this little summary and to look back over the past year. We hope you all will participate in the future as actively as you have done so far.

As an average we got 560 readers per quarterly issue of the “Journal”.